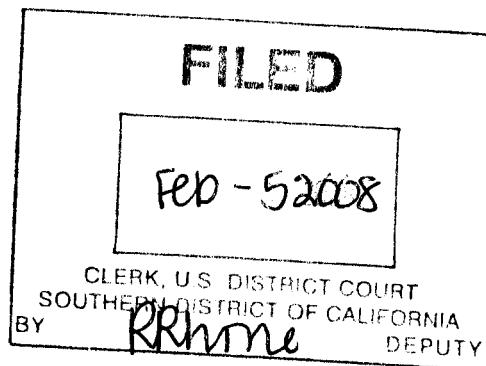


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Magistrate Case No. 08MJ0180
Plaintiff,)
v.)
ERNEST VILLARREAL-SANCHEZ,)
Defendant.)
(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)

**STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT
MOTION FOR RELEASE OF
MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND
ORDER THEREON**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and Caroline P. Han, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant ERNEST VILLARREAL-SANCHEZ, by and through and with the advice and consent of defense counsel, Robert R. Hessler, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., that:

1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count of Transportation of Aliens and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) and (v)(II).

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1 2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4 3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or
5 before February 29, 2008.

6 4. The material witnesses, Fermin Valdez-Llaguno, Maria Aguilar-Gutierrez, and Sara
7 Llaguno-Diaz, in this case:

8 a. Are aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;
9 b. Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about
10 January 19, 2008;

11 c. Were passengers in a 1992 Chevrolet Silverado, California license 4J74088,
12 driven by defendant on Skyline Truck Trail near Alpine, California and that defendant knew or acted
13 in reckless disregard of the fact that they were aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the
14 United States;

15 d. Were paying unknown amounts to others to be brought into the United States
16 illegally and/or transported illegally to their destination therein; and,

17 e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland
18 Security for return to their country of origin.

19 5. After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this
20 stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any
21 reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding,
22 including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:

23 a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as
24 substantive evidence;

25 b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents
26 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such testimony
27 shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements against interest

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1 of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

2 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),
3 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted
4 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant
5 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

6 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has
7 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies
8 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense
9 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

10 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the
11 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of
12 Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

13 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.

14 Respectfully submitted,

15 KAREN P. HEWITT
United States Attorney

16 Dated: 2/5/08.

17 CAROLINE P. HAN
Assistant United States Attorney

18 Dated: 1/28/08.

19 ROBERT R. HENSSLER
Defense Counsel for Ernest Villarreal-Sanchez

20 Dated: 1/28/08.

21 ERNEST VILLARREAL-SANCHEZ
Defendant

ORDER

2 Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,
3 **THE STIPULATION** is admitted into evidence, and,
4 **IT IS ORDERED** that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded
5 forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.
6 **SO ORDERED.**

SO ORDERED.

Dated:


John L. Allen
United States Magistrate Judge